

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2294

Introduced by Assembly Members Block and Fletcher

February 18, 2010

An act to amend Section 39000 of, to amend the heading of Division 16.7 (commencing with Section 39000) of, and to add Section 39002.1 to, the Vehicle Code, relating to pedicabs.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2294, as introduced, Block. Pedicabs: licensing.

Existing law authorizes a city or county that adopts a bicycle licensing ordinance or resolution, to prohibit the operation of a bicycle on any street, road, highway, or other public property within the jurisdiction of the city or county unless the bicycle is licensed in accordance with this specified provision.

This bill would define the term “pedicab” and would authorize a city or county to adopt a pedicab licensing ordinance or resolution that includes, but not limited to, a requirement that the operator of the pedicab obtain a valid California driver’s license.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The heading of Division 16.7 (commencing with
2 Section 39000) of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

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4 DIVISION 16.7. REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF
5 BICYCLES AND *PEDICABS*
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1 SEC. 2. Section 39000 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

2 39000. ~~“Bicycle”, for the purposes of this division, means~~ *For*
3 *purposes of this division, the following terms have the following*
4 *meanings:*

5 (a) *“Bicycle” means any device upon which a person may ride,*
6 *which is propelled by human power through a system of belts,*
7 *chains, or gears having either two or three wheels (one of which*
8 *is at least 20 inches in diameter) or having a frame size of at least*
9 *14 inches, or having four or more wheels.*

10 (b) *“Pedicab” means either of the following:*

11 (1) *A bicycle that has three or more wheels, that transports, or*
12 *is capable of transporting, passengers on seats attached to the*
13 *bicycle, that is operated by a person, and that is used for*
14 *transporting passengers for hire.*

15 (2) *A bicycle that pulls a trailer, sidecar, or similar device, that*
16 *transports, or is capable of transporting, passengers on seats*
17 *attached to the trailer, sidecar, or similar device, that is operated*
18 *by a person, and that is used for transporting passengers for hire.*

19 SEC. 3. Section 39002.1 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:

20 39002.1. A city or county may adopt a pedicab licensing
21 ordinance or resolution that includes, but is not limited to, a
22 requirement that the operator of the pedicab obtain a valid
23 California driver’s license, so as to ensure that the pedicab operator
24 has demonstrated knowledge of the applicable requirements of
25 this code before being allowed to transport passengers for hire.